

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Markus BLUME *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR SEARCHING FOR
DATA OR DATA-HOLDING
RESOURCES STORED CURRENTLY
OR AT AN EARLIER TIME ON A
DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM, WHERE
ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE TIME
OF ITS/THEIR AVAILABILITY

Attorney Docket No.: MTL-001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Specification

Page 1, before line 5, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, before line 19, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 6, before line 20, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- and

Page 6, before line 33, insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED
EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims

Before claim 1, delete "U.S. claims" and insert --WE CLAIM: --.

In the Abstract

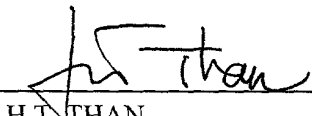
Line 10, please delete "[Fig. 1]".

REMARKS

The amendments above are made to add subheadings to the specification. No new matter was added.

Respectfully submitted,

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